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THE MEANING OF COMMON ABBREVIATIONS

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In our reading we often see contractions, or initial letters, which we know stand for something. We may not know what they stand for, and, consequently, miss their meaning. On this and the following pages are given the contractions that we come across most frequently in our reading.

A1. The principal use of this expression is for ships. At Lloyd's a ship that is classed as A1 is a ship that is almost new or is as good as new. The A refers to the quality of the hull, and the 1 to the anchors, cables, and stores. The expression has now come to be used for anything that is very good. If we say that we feel A1, we mean that we feel in the very best of health.

A.B. Able-bodied seaman—a sailor who is no longer an apprentice, and is not an officer.

A.B. Bachelor of Arts.

A.D. In the Year of Our Lord. Taken from the Latin words *Anno Domini*. Our system of numbering the years is the Anno Domini system, and 1910 A.D. means the year 1910, reckoning the year of Christ's birth as 1.

Ad. or Advt. Advertisement.

A.D.C. Aide-de-camp, an army officer who carries orders to and from a general on the field of battle.

Æ. or æt. Aged, from the Latin word *ætatis*, meaning of the age. Charles Jones, æt. ten years, means Charles Jones, ten years of age.

A.H. The Mohammedans reckon their years from the Hegira, or the flight of Mohammed from Mecca to Medina, in 622 A.D. The letters stand for *Anno Hegiræ*. Latin word *anno*, meaning "in the year," and the Arabic word for "flight." When the Mohammedans speak of the year 1287 A.H., they mean the same year as we do when we speak of 1909 A.D.

Ala. Alabama, one of the states of U.S.A.

Ald. Alderman.

A.M. Before noon. The letters represent the Latin words *ante meridiem*.

A.M. In the year of the world. The letters represent the Latin words *anno mundi*. The Jews reckon the years from the time the world was supposed to have been created, which was 3760 B.C. The Jewish year 5669 A.M. is the same as 1909 A.D., but the Jewish year begins on September 26 instead of on the following January 1.

A.M. Master of Arts, from the Latin words *artium magister*. See M.A.

Anon. Anonymous.

A.O.F. Ancient Order of Foresters.

App. Appendix.

A.R.A. Associate of the Royal Academy.

Ariz. Arizona, one of the states of U.S.A.

Ark. Arkansas, one of the states of U.S.A.

A.R.S.A. Associate of the Royal Scottish Academy or Associate of the Royal Society of Arts.

A.R.S.L. Associate of the Royal Society of Literature.

A.R.S.S. Fellow of the Royal Society of Antiquaries. The letters stand for the Latin words *Antiquariorum Regiæ Societatis Socius*.

A.V. Authorised version of the Bible.

B.A. Bachelor of Arts. The letters stand for the Latin words *Baccalaureus Artium*

B.C. Before Christ. The years before Christ are reckoned backwards, so that the year 1 B.C. was one year before the birth of Christ, and the year 200 B.C. was 200 years before the birth of Christ.

B.C.L. Bachelor of Civil Law.

B.D. Bachelor of Divinity.

B.L. Bachelor of Law.

b.l. Bill of Lading.

B.M. Bachelor of Medicine. The letters are also used to mean British Museum.

B. Mus. Bachelor of Music.

B. Sc. Bachelor of Science. The letters stand for the Latin words *Scientiæ Baccalaureus*.

Bt. or Bart. Baronet.

bu. Bushel.

bx. box.

C. The Roman numeral for 100, from the Latin *centum*, a hundred.

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C. Centigrade. The markings on the French or decimal thermometer. It is so called from the Latin *centum*, a hundred, and *gradus*, a step, because from freezing to boiling point is divided into 100 degrees. The American system of thermometer marking is the Fahrenheit, which is usually written F. or Fahr. It is so called after Fahrenheit, the scientist who invented it.

C. Centime. A French coin, five of which are about equal to one cent.

ca. About. Latin *circa*.

Cal. California, one of the states of U.S.A.

Cap. Chapter, from the Latin *caput*, the head.

C.B. Companion of the Order of the Bath.

C.B. Confined to barracks.

C.B. Cape Breton, a part of Nova Scotia in Canada.

C.C.N.Y. College of the City of New York.

C.D.S.O. Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.

c.d.v. Carte-de-visite.

C.E. Civil Engineer, Christian Endeavour, or Children's Encyclopædia.

Cf. A contraction of "confer" and used in the sense of *compare*. In bookbinding cf. means calf.

C.F.I. A commercial expression meaning cost, freight, and insurance.

C.G. Captain-general, commissary-general, consul-general, coastguard, or captain of the guard.

Ch. Chapter.

Chic. Chicago.

C.J. Chief Justice.

C.I.E. Companion of the Order of the Indian Empire.

C.M. Master of Surgery. The letters stand for the Latin words *Chirurgiæ Magister*.

Cm. Centimetre, the French measurement.

C.M.G. Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

C.O. Commanding Officer.

C/o. Care of.

c.o.d. Cash on delivery.

Colo. Colorado, one of the states of U.S.A.

Conn. Connecticut, one of the states of U.S.A.

C.O.S. Charity Organisation Society.

C.P. Court of Probate.

Cr. Credit or creditor.

C.S. Chemical Society.

C.S. Civil Service.

C.S.A. Confederate States of America.

C.S.N. Confederate States Navy.

C., or ct. Cent.

C.V.O. Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

C.W.O. Cash with order.

cwt. Hundredweight, from c. for *centum*, a hundred, and wt. for weight.

d. Penny or pence. 2d. means two pence, and 1d. means one penny. The d. is for the Latin word *denarius*.

D.C. Repeat from the beginning. A contraction used in music, and standing for the Italian words *Da capo*. Also district of Columbia, in which is Washington, the capital of U.S.A.

D.C.L. Doctor of Civil Law.

D.D. Doctor of Divinity. The letters stand for the Latin words *Divinitatis Doctor*.

Del. Delaware, one of the states of U.S.A.

D.G. By the grace of God. The letters stand for the Latin words *Dei gratia*.

D.L. Deputy Lieutenant.

D.Lit. Doctor of Literature.

D.L.O. Dead Letter Office.

Dr. Doctor or debtor.

dr. Dram.

D.Sc. Doctor of Science. The letters stand for the Latin words *Doctor Scientiæ*.

D.S.O. Distinguished Service Order.

D.V. The letters stand for the two Latin words *Deo Volente*, meaning God willing.

dwt. Pennyweight. d. stands for the Latin word *denarius*, and wt. is a contraction for weight.

E. East.

E. & O.E. Errors and omissions excepted.

E.C. East Central, a London postal district.

Ed. Editor, or sometimes edition.

e.g. For example. The letters stand for two Latin words *exempli gratiâ*.

E.N.E. East-north-east—the point of the compass midway between the east and the north-east.

Eng. Engineer; Engineering; England; English.

E.R.I. Edward, King and Emperor, standing for the Latin words *Eduardus, Rex et Imperator*.

E.S.E. East-south-east, the point of the compass midway between east and south-east.

etc. Etcetera, meaning and others.

Ex-. Formerly.

F. or Fahr. The measurements of the Fahrenheit thermometer.

f. Farthing, florin, franc, foot, or fathom.

F.A.S. Fellow of the Society of Arts or Fellow of the Antiquarian Society.

F.B.S. Fellow of the Botanical Society.

fcp. Foolscap, a size of paper.

F.C.S. Fellow of the Chemical Society.

F.D. or Fid. Def. Defender of the Faith, from the Latin words *Fidei defensor*.

F.G.S. Fellow of the Geological Society.

fl. Florin.

Fla. Florida, one of the states of U.S.A.

F.L.S. Fellow of the Linnæan Society.

F.-M. Field-marshal.

fm. Fathom.

f.o.b. Free on board. A commercial term.

F.P. Fire plug, frequently seen on walls, indicating that there is a fire plug near that spot.

fr. Franc, the French coin.

F.R.A.S. Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society or Fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society.

F.R.C.P. Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians.

F.R.C.S. Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons.

F.R.G.S. Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

F.R.H.S. Fellow of the Royal Horticultural Society.

F.R.I.B.A. Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

F.R. Met. S. Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society.

F.R.S. Fellow of the Royal Society.

F.R.S.L. Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.

F.S.A. Fellow of the Society of Arts or Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries.

F.S.S. Fellow of the Statistical Society.

ft. Foot, feet, or fort.

F.Z.S. Fellow of the Zoological Society.

G. or gm. Gramme, the French weight.

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Ga. Georgia, one of the states of U.S.A.
G.B. Great Britain.
G.C.B. Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath.
G.C.H. Knight Grand Cross of Hanover.
G.C.I.E. Knight Grand Commander of the Order of the Indian Empire.
G.C.L.H. Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour.
g.c.m. Greatest common measure.
G.C.M.G. Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.
G.C.S.I. Knight Grand Commander of the Order of the Star of India.
G.C.V.O. Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order.
G.F.S. Girls' Friendly Society.
gm. Gramme
G.M. Grand Master of Masons.
G.O.M. Grand Old Man, a term applied to the late Mr. Gladstone.
G.P.O. General Post Office.
gr. Grain.
gs. Guineas.
gu. Guinea.
H.B.M. His or Her Britannic Majesty.
H.C.M. His or Her Catholic Majesty.
H.G. Horse Guards or His Grace.
H.H. His or Her Highness.
H.I.H. His or Her Imperial Highness.
H.M. His or Her Majesty.
H.M.C. His or Her Majesty's Customs.
H.M.I.S. His or Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools.
H.M.S. His or Her Majesty's Ship. His or Her Majesty's Service.
H.P. Half pay.
h.p. Horse power.
H.R. H'se of Representatives
H.R.E. Holy Roman Emperor or Holy Roman Empire.
H.R.H. His or Her Royal Highness.
H.R.I.P. Here rests in peace. The letters stand for the Latin words *Hic requiescat in pace.*
H.S.H. His or Her Serene Highness.
H.S.S. Fellow of the Historical Society. The letters stand for the Latin words *Historiæ Societatis Socius.*
I. Idaho, one of the states of U.S.A.
Ia. Iowa, one of the states of U.S.A.
Ib. or Ibid. In the same place, standing for the Latin word *Ibidem.*
I.C.E. Institute of Civil Engineers.
I.C.S. Indian Civil Service.
Ida. Idaho, one of the states of U.S.A.
I.D.B. Illicit diamond buying.
i.e. That is. The letters stand for the Latin words *id est.*
I.H.S. Jesus, from the first three letters of the name when written in Greek capitals. It is sometimes erroneously supposed to stand for *Jesus Hominum Salvator*, three Latin words meaning Jesus, Saviour of men.
Ill. or Ills. Illinois, one of the states of U.S.A.
I.L.P. Independent Labour Party.
I.M.S. Indian Medical Service.
in. Inch or inches.
I.N.D. In the Name of God, standing for the Latin words *In Nomine Dei.*
Ind. Indiana, one of the states of U.S.A.
Ind. T. Indian Territory, a former district in U.S.A.
I.N.R.I. Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews. The letters stand for the Latin words *Iesus Nazarenus Rex Judæorum*, which were written above the Cross. J and I are the same letters in Latin.
Io. Iowa, one of the states of U.S.A.
I.O.F. Independent Order of Foresters.
I.O.G.T. Independent Order of Good Templars.
I.O.U. I owe you.
I.R. Internal Revenue.
J.H.S. The same as I.H.S.
J.P. Justice of the Peace.
Jr. or Jun. Junior.
J.U.D. Doctor of Canon and of Civil Law. The letters stand for the Latin words *Juris Utriusque Doctor.*
Kan., Kans. Kansas, one of the states of U.S.A.
K.B. Knight of the Bath or King's Bench.
K.C. King's Counsel.
K.C.B. Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath.
K.C.H. Knight Commander of the Order of Hanover.
K.C.I.E. Knight Commander of the Order of the Indian Empire.
K.C.M.G. Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.
K.C.S.I. Knight Commander of the Order of the Star of India.
K.C.V.O. Knight Commander of the Victorian Order.
Ken. or Ky. Kentucky, one of the states of U.S.A.
Kg. Kilogramme, the French weight.
K.G. Knight of the Garter.
K.G.C. Knight of the Grand Cross.
K.G.C.B. Knight of the Grand Cross of the Bath.
K.G.F. Knight of the Golden Fleece.
K.H. Knight of the Order of Hanover.
K.L.H. Knight of the Legion of Honour.
Km. Kilometre, the French measure, equal to ⅝ mile.
Knt. or Kt. Knight.
K.P. Knight of the Order of St. Patrick. Knight of Pythias.
K.S.I. Knight of the Order of the Star of India.
K.T. Knight of the Order of the Thistle. Knight Templar
Kt. Bach. Knight Bachelor.
Ky. Kentucky, one of the states of U.S.A.
L. Lake. Book, Latin *liber.*
l. Latitude.
lb. Pound or pounds, from the Latin word *libra*, meaning a pound.
l.b.w. Leg before wicket.
l.c. Lower-case.
L.C.B. Lord Chief-baron.
L.C.C. London County Council.
l.c.m. Least common multiple.
Leip. Leipsic, a city in Germany.
£E. Egyptian pound, which is equal to 20/6¼.
L.I. Light Infantry.
Lieut. Lieutenant.
Lim. or Ltd. Limited.
LL.B. Bachelor of Laws. The letters stand for the Latin words *Legum Baccalaureus.*
LL.D. Doctor of Laws. The letters stand for the Latin words *Legum Doctor.*
Lou. Louisiana, one of the states of U.S.A.
L.R.C.P. Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians.
L.R.C.S. Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons.
L.S. Linnæan Society.
L.S.A. Licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries.

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L.s.d. Pounds, shillings, and pence, from the Latin *libræ, solidi, denarii*.
Lt. or Lieut. Lieutenant.
£T. Turkish pound = 18s.
M. 1,000, from the Latin *mille*, a thousand.
M. or Mons. Short for Monsieur, the French word for Mr.
M.A. Master of Arts.
Mass. Massachusetts, one of the states of U.S.A.
M.B. Bachelor of Medicine. The letters stand for the Latin words *Medicinæ Baccalaureus*.
M.C Member of Congress
Md. Maryland, one of the states of U.S.A.
M.D. Doctor of Medicine. The letters stand for the Latin words *Medicinæ Doctor*.
Mdlle. or Mlle. The French for Miss, being a contraction of *Mademoiselle*.
Mdm. or Mme. Madam.
Me. Maine.
M.E. Mining Engineer. Methodist Episcopal.
M.F.H. Master of Fox Hounds.
mg. milligramme.
M.I.C.E. or M.Inst.C.E. Member of the Institute of Civil Engineers.
Mich. Michigan, one of the states of U.S.A.
Minn. Minnesota, one of the states of U.S.A.
Mis. Missouri, one of the states of U.S.A.
Miss. Mississippi, one of the states of U.S.A.
Mlle. *See* Mdlle.
MM. Short for Messieurs, the plural of Monsieur.
M.M. Their Majesties.
Mo. Missouri, one of the states of U.S.A.
Mont. Montana, one of the states of U.S.A.
M.P. Member of Parliament.
M.P.S. Member of the Philological or of the Pharmaceutical Society.
Mr. Master or Mister.
M.R.A.S. Member of the Royal Academy of Sciences or of the Royal Asiatic Society.
M.R.C.C. Member of the Royal College of Chemistry.
M.R C.S. Member of the Royal College of Surgeons.
M.R.C.V.S. Member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.
M.R.G.S. Member of the Royal Geographical Society.
M.R.I. Member of the Royal Institution.
M.R.I.A. Member of the Royal Irish Academy.
Mrs. Mistress.
MS. Manuscript. The plural is MSS.
M.S. Master of Science.
m.s.l. Mean sea-level.
M.S.S. Member of the Statistical Society.
Mus.B. Bachelor of Music.
Mus.D. Doctor of Music.
N. North.
N.A. North America; also National Academy.
N.B. Note well. The letters stand for the Latin words *Nota bene*. Also refers to North Britain, or Scotland, and to New Brunswick.
N.C. North Carolina, one of the states of U.S.A.
N.C.O. Non-Commissioned Officer.
N. Dak. North Dakota, one of the states of U.S.A.
N.E. North-east or New England.
Neb. or Nebr. Nebraska, one of the states of U.S.A.
Nev. Nevada, one of the states of U.S.A.
N.F. Newfoundland.
N.H. New Hampshire, one of the states of U.S.A.
N.J. New Jersey, one of the states of U.S.A.
N.N.E. North-north-east, the point in the compass midway between north and north-east.
N.N.W. North-north-west, the point in the compass midway between north and north-west.
No. Number. It is short for the Latin word *Numero*.
n.o.p. Not otherwise provided.
N.P. Notary public.
N.S. New style. See O.S.
N.S. Nova Scotia.
N.S.P.C.C. National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.
N.W. North-west.
N.W.T. North West Territories, in Canada.
N.Y. New York, one of the states of U.S.A.
O. Ohio, one of the states of U.S.A.
Ob. Died, standing for the Latin *Obiit*.
O.E. Old English.
O.F. Odd Fellow.
O.H.M.S. On His or Her Majesty's Service. Ohms as a word means certain units used in electricity, so called from Professor Ohm.
O.K. All correct, from the American term Orl Korrect.
Ont. Ontario, a province of Canada.
%. Per cent.
O.R.C. Orange River Colony.
Ore, or Oreg. Oregon, one of the states of U.S.A.
O.S. Old style, referring to the Calendar before its change in Queen Anne's reign.
oz. Ounce. The z represents a curious character that was used in old manuscripts to denote an abbreviation.
p. Page; the plural form is pp.
Pa. Pennsylvania, one of the states of U.S.A.
P.C. Privy Councillor, police constable, or postcard.
P.E.I. Prince Edward Island.
Penn. Pennsylvania, one of the states of U.S.A.
Ph.B. Bachelor of Philosophy. The letters stand for the Latin words *Philosophiæ Baccalaureus*.
Ph.D. Doctor of Philosophy. The letters stand for the Latin words *Philosophiæ Doctor*.
P.M. Afternoon, standing for the Latin words *post meridiem*; postmaster or past-master. The letters also stand for *post mortem*, the examination of a dead body.
P.M.G. Postmaster-general.
P.O. Post office, patent office, or postal order.
P.O.D. Paid on delivery.
P.O.O. Post office order.
P.P. Parish Priest.
pp. Pages.
P.P.C. To take leave. The letters stand for the French words *pour prendre congé*.
P.P.S. Additional postscript, see P.S.
P.R.A. President of the Royal Academy.
P.R.I.B.A. President of the Royal Institute of British Architects.
P.R.S. President of the Royal Society.
P.S. Pharmaceutical Society or Philological Society.
P.S. Postscript—a part of a letter written after or below the signature of the writer, from the Latin *post scriptem*.
pt. Part, or pint.
pwt. Pennyweight.
Q.E. Which is. The letters stand for the Latin words *quod est*.
Q.E.D. Which was to be demonstrated. The letters stand for the Latin words *quod erat demonstrandum*.

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Q.E.F. Which was to be done, standing for the Latin words *Quod erat faciendum.*
Q.M. Quartermaster.
Q.M.G. Quartermaster-general.
q.s. As much as will suffice. The letters stand for the Latin *quantum sufficit.*
q.v. Which see. The letters stand for the Latin words *quod vide.*
R. King or queen, from the Latin *Rex* or *Regina.*
R. Take, used in doctor's prescriptions, and standing for the Latin word *recipe.*
R.A. Royal Academy or Royal Artillery.
R.A.M. Royal Academy of Music.
R.A.S. Royal Asiatic Society.
R.C. Roman Catholic.
R.C.M. Royal College of Music.
R.C.S. Royal College of Surgeons.
Rev. Reverend; also revise.
R.F. French Republic; for the French words *République Française.*
R.G.G. Royal Grenadier Guards.
R.G.S. Royal Geographical Society.
R.H. Royal Highness.
R.H.A. Royal Horse Artillery.
R.H.G. Royal Horse Guards.
R.H.S. Royal Humane Society, Royal Historical Society, or Royal Horticultural Society.
R.I. Rhode Island, one of the states of U.S.A.
R.I.B.A. Royal Institute of British Architects.
R.I.P. Rest in peace The letters stand for the Latin words *Requiescat in pace.*
R.M. Royal Mail or Royal Marines.
R.M.A. Royal Marine Artillery.
R.M.L.I. Royal Marine Light Infantry.
R.M.S. Railway Mail Service.
R.N. Royal Navy.
R.P.O. Railway Post Office.
R.R. Railroad.
R.S. Royal Society.
R.S.A. Royal Society of Antiquaries.
R.S.L. Royal Society of Literature.
R.S.M. Royal School of Mines.
R.S.O. Railway sub-office, a postal term.
R.S.P.C.A. Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
R.S.S. Fellow of the Royal Society. The letters stand for the Latin words *Regiæ Societatis Socius.* The letters S.R.S. are also used.
R.S.V.P. Reply, if you please. The letters stand for the French words *Répondez, s'il vous plaît.*
R.V. Rifle Volunteers or Revised Version (of the Bible).
S. Shillings—from the Latin *solidi;* south, saint, or seconds.
S.A. South Africa.
S.A.S. Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. The letters stand for the Latin words *Societatis Antiquariorum Socius.*
S.C. South Carolina, one of the states of U.S.A.
Sc.B. Bachelor of Science. The letters stand for the Latin words *Scientiæ Baccalaureus.*
Sc.D. Doctor of Science. The letters stand for the words *Scientiæ Doctor.*
s.d. Without day; indefinitely; a contraction for *sine die,* Latin.
S. Dak. South Dakota, one of the states of U.S.A.
S.E. South-east.
s.g. Specific gravity.
S.M. The French form of his or her Majesty, standing for the French words *Sa majesté.*
S.P.C.C. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.
S.P.G. Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.
S.P.Q.R. The Senate and People of Rome. The letters stand for the Latin words *Senatus Populusque Romanus.*
S.R.S. Fellow of the Royal Society. The letters stand for the Latin words *Societatis Regiæ Socius.*
SS. Steamship.
S.S.E. South-south-east—the point of the compass midway between south and south-east.
S.S.U. Sunday School Union.
S.S.W. South-south-west, the point of the compass midway between south and south-west.
St. Street, saint, or strait.
S.W. South-west or senior warden.
Tenn. Tennessee, one of the states of U.S.A.
Tex. Texas, one of the states of U.S.A.
T.R.H. Their Royal Highnesses.
T.S. Twin screw.
U.F.C. United Free Church of Scotland.
U.K. United Kingdom.
U.K.A. United Kingdom Alliance.
U.P. United Presbyterian.
U.S. United States, or United Service, *i.e.*, the Army and Navy.
U.S.A. United States of America.
U.S.M. United States Mail, or Marines.
V. Roman numeral for 5.
v. Against, standing for the Latin word *versus*; or see, standing for the Latin word *vide.*
V.A. Royal Order of Victoria and Albert.
Va. Virginia, one of the states of U.S.A.
V.C. Victoria Cross, vice-chancellor, or vice-consul.
Verm. or Vt. Vermont, one of the states of U.S.A.
v.g. For example, standing or the Latin words *verbi gratia.*
V.P. Vice-president.
V.R. Queen Victoria, standing for the Latin words *Victoria Regina.*
V.R.I. Victoria, Queen and Empress, standing for the Latin words *Victoria Regina et Imperatrix.*
V.S. Veterinary Surgeon.
Vt. or Verm. Vermont, one of the states of U.S.A.
W. West.
Wash. Washington, one of the states of U.S.A.
W.C. West Central, a postal district in London.
W.C.T.U. Women's Christian Temperance Union.
Wis. or Wisc. Wisconsin, one of the states of U.S.A.
W.N.W. West-north-west, the point in the compass midway between west and north-west.
W.S.W. West-south west, the point in the compass midway between west and south-west.
wt. Weight.
W. Va. West Virginia, one of the states of U.S.A.
Wyo. Wyoming, one of the states of U.S.A.
yd. Yard.
Y.M.C.A. Young Men's Christian Association.
Y.W.C.A. Young Women's Christian Association.

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